

## CALENDAR FOR 1873.

1873	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Feb	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mar	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Apr	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
May	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Jun	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Jul	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Aug	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sep	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Oct	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nov	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Dec	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1874	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## LOCAL ITEMS.

## THE NEW YEAR—Times Past and Times to Come.

The New Year which opens today will, it is hoped, prove a prosperous one for the community. The last year shows that whatever misfortunes may befall the town, there is within the community an ample recuperative power. Withstanding the heavy loss entailed by the burning of the old market, the city has managed to replace it by a new structure, which is probably the finest building of the kind in any town of the size of Alexandria in the United States. The credit of the city has been placed upon a firm basis, and it is a certainty that in the future the history of the town will be one of progress and prosperity. The prospect for the future is bright, and we may well look for a considerable increase in the city trade as well as other branches of business.

The past year bore a most remarkable similarity to the year 1816, in respect to many of the objects which it was endeavoring to promote by the united action of the community. In that year the attention of the city authorities was directed first to the erection of the new Market House with its apothecary clock; the prevention of the small pox, and the diffusion of vaccination; the reorganization of the laws of the corporation; the grading of new streets, and notably, the extension of Pitt street north from Cameron street, and a system of free public instruction; even the establishment of a Reform School and House of Industry were among the matters which, during that year, were brought to the attention of the city authorities and were acted upon by them. There is in this a remarkable similarity to the work of the city authorities during the year just passed.

This year in our local history was characterized by a special attention to the building up of the convenience of the town; to beautifying and improving the city as a place of residence. It was succeeded by a epoch characterized by an effort to draw business to the town; to create commercial facilities, and to open new avenues of trade, sometimes in the shape of roads, and finally in the conception and construction of the Alexandria Canal. The finishing of the canal and its failure to answer the high hopes which had been entertained of it, led to other schemes, and after retrospection secured the railroad that forms now so important an auxiliary to the city. If the past year developed any tendency in the working of the public mind, it is in the direction indicated in that of 1816, looking with interest to the work of improvement instead of planning schemes to draw trade from without. Stroneness seem to have made this tendency a necessity, but if it leads to the paving of streets, now heaps of mud, the leveling of sidewalks along thoroughfares, which, although built up, still lack regular grades and pavements; if it gives us even a small park and adds to the comforts and conveniences of the town, it will do much to attract population here, and it may add as much to the prosperity of the town as did those ears which were generalized by grand schemes and more profuse expenditures.

## YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

An adjourned meeting of this Society was held at their room last night, President O'Neal in the Chair, and John T. Cook, Secretary. The session was opened with the usual religious exercises.

The Secretary read the minutes of the regular monthly meeting, which were approved. The Executive Committee reported the names of the following parties for membership:—B. F. Bruner, Thomas M. Buchanan, and John Henry Eaton, of the M. Church. On motion they were unanimously elected.

The same committee reported the following amendment to the by-laws:—

"ART. 4. Motions relating to the object of a report shall be in order immediately after the reading of the report, and if a report is made, immediately after the report is called for by the presiding officer."

The rules were suspended and a amendment was adopted.

The General Secretary and the Treasurer made their monthly reports, showing a healthy condition of the finances of the Association.

The Committee on Sunday Prayer Meeting, Alms House, Jail, Cottage Prayer Meeting, and Fishmarket Mission made their monthly reports, all of which were highly encouraging.

The committee on the anniversary meeting reported progress.

The Poor Relief Committee reported sufficient funds received to commence partial distribution.

On motion the General Secretary was authorized to purchase fuel for use in the room. The chairman of the Executive Committee offered the following resolution:

## THE RUINS OF THE BURNED BUILDINGS.

The conflagration which destroyed the Cameron street and Daguerfield warehouses, on Union street near Cameron, left most of the walls still standing, and a considerable amount of the contents buried under the debris, and it is hoped, not much injured by the fire. The still hot condition of the ruins, and the dangerous condition of the walls, have so far rendered impossible, an honest attempt to get out the buried stock. Managers, however, have made roads on the piles, but might have made more with as little labor and far less peril at some honest calling. With a view of removing such portions of the walls as were considered unsafe, the Relief and Ladder Company (whose gallant and efficient work at the fire was by inadvertence not noticed yesterday) was called up. The members responded at once to the tap of the bell, and proceeded to the ruins, where they commenced the morning in tearing down the shabby walls, and the danger of the burning buildings was avoided for searching, without danger to the public. Among those who rendered very efficient aid in the work of tearing down the walls was Mr. Charles Cameron, of Baltimore, who volunteered his services for that purpose and whose exertions elicited the praise of all.

**WATCH NIGHT MEETING.**—In accordance with the pages and customs of the M. E. Church, watch night services were held in that church last night. The services were opened with singing and prayer, after which Rev. Mr. Hemminger read the Bishop's address to the church. Prayer meeting exercises were held until 11 o'clock, when Mr. Hemminger delivered an address from the text "Redeeming the time." He spoke of the fleetingness of time, the purpose of human life and the reason why men should use the passing moments for life's great work. After the sermon, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, which was participated in by a large number. Five minutes before midnight the congregation were invited to sit in silent prayer, and as the bell in the Market House Steeple tolled out the old year, and rung in the New Year, the congregation (still kneeling) sang the covenant hymn. The volunteers by the choir were selected and were well executed, which reflected great credit upon them and their leader Prof. J. B. Ridgway. The services were very solemn and impressive, and will long be remembered by those present.

**NEW YEAR'S BRIEFS.**—The Banks and Bankhouses, Postoffice, Corn Exchange and other public places have been closed today. Several of our citizens have kept "open houses," and though the practice has not been generally observed, there have been a number of "calls." Several persons from here went to Washington to-day, where a general holiday was observed, to attend the President's levee, which took place about noon and which was crowded. The bad condition of the streets has rendered walking disagreeable, and there have been comparatively few persons out, and those have been principally to the masculine gender.

**ROBBERY.**—Last night, about 12 o'clock, Gayten Arlington, who lives in a frame house on Columbus street, near Pendleton, adjoining the brickwork, was awakened by a noise, and while still in bed, saw a colored boy going down stairs. He supposed it was the colored boy who lived in the house, and inquired why he was up so late. He was convinced of his error and rose up to find all his wife's clothing, except her shoes, gone, and that a pair of pants was all that was left of his wardrobe. The robber had prised up the window a short distance and then cutting the fastenings, took out the cash, and so obtained an entrance.

**THE COMING IN OF THE YEAR.**—Shady before midnight last night, the town bell tolled solemnly, as a token of farewell to the Old Year. At midnight a hearty peal was rung in welcome to the New Year. A large number of persons remained in the neighborhood of the Market to hear the bell, and in many households the little ones whose hour of sleep usually comes soon after nightfall remained awake for the same purpose. The custom of ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in has been thus renewed here, and it seems to be a general wish that it should be continued.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.**—The annual election of officers of Oriental Lodge of Knights of Pythias took place at the lodge room over the Assembly Rooms, last night, and resulted in the choice of the following officers:—W. C. J. Simpson, V. C. J. Anderson, C. C. E. H. Smith, M. C. E. W. Vincent, M. C. E. C. E. Bear, K. of R. S. L. D. Harrison. The installation of officers will take place at the lodge room on Tuesday evening next. The Lodge is in a flourishing condition, and during the past four or five weeks has increased greatly.

**THE WEATHER AND THE RIVER.**—It has been cloudy and threatening all day and the thaw still goes on; the temperature is lower than yesterday. Sleighting on the streets is over for the present and the ice in the river is "rotting," but, as yet there is no appearance of a "break up," which is now anxiously looked for. The steamer City of Alexandria left her wharf to-day about noon, and after going down as far as Agnew's wharf, was compelled, on account of the thickness of the ice, to return to her slip at the foot of King street.

**THE TOWN CLOCK.**—The new Town Clock, which was the first of the new Year, and has since struck all the hours as they have passed. May all the hours it shall strike be golden ones for Alexandria and its people. The Old Clock, of which the present valuable gift is the successor, was put up in February 1817 and cost fifteen hundred dollars.

**NARROW ESCAPE.**—As the truck of the Hook and Ladder Company was being drawn to the scene of the late fire, this morning, Mr. Thomas Hall, who had hold of the rope, fell, near the corner of King and Fairfax streets, and narrowly escaped being run over. He clung to the rope and was rescued by his companions in time to prevent a serious accident.

**MAYOR'S OFFICE.**—A man from the country, for creating a disturbance at Kroig's restaurant, was ordered to leave town. John Laws and Thomas Price, two colored boys, disorderly at Mrs. Cook's, were fined, as was Mrs. Cook, for selling liquor without a license.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.**—The Sun Fire Company and a large number of guests spent the last hours of the Old Year and the first hours of the New Year most pleasantly at a ball, given by that Company at Sarepta Hall. The dancing was continued until a late hour, and every one was delighted.

**Relief Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association.**—The General Secretary thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following:—W. S. H. \$5; E. J. M. \$2; lady friend, \$5; G. S. \$1; A. S. \$1; bundles of clothing from W. S. H. The committee would state that they are still prepared to receive the contributions of the friends of the poor of the city.

I return my sincere thanks to the firemen and other citizens for their strenuous efforts to save from destruction, by fire, my warehouses, at the foot of Cameron street.

**WANTED TO RENT.**—A comfortable dwelling house or suite of rooms for a small family. Address P. O. Box 100, at the Gazette office, stating terms, etc. Jan 1.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

There was a very agreeable ball given by the Harmonic Association, at their Hall last night. Mr. Henry's School will be re-opened tomorrow, the 2nd instant, at the place formerly occupied.

The weather is anything but pleasant. Skating, and crossing the river, on the ice, is ended for the present.

Some fine wild turkeys have lately been killed in the adjoining counties, and brought to market for sale.

Several social gatherings took place in different parts of the city last night where every thing was joyous and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

In our notice of the fire yesterday, accidental omission was made of the services rendered by the Hook and Ladder Company, whose efficiency was acknowledged by all.

At the Methodist churches last night the usual watch meetings were held. The services at the M. P. Church, Rev. Dr. Kilgore, attracted a large crowd.

The cries of murder heard last night near the corner of Washington and Cameron streets proceeded from a boy whose mother was punishing him for running away from home. The police appeared and the cries were speedily hushed.

The Hydration Fire Company, last night held a meeting, and made arrangements for the funeral of the deceased member, L. Isaac Kell, whose funeral took place this afternoon, and was attended by the members of the Hydration and delegations from the other fire companies.

## CHINESE TEA COMPANY.

No. 11 NORTH ROYAL STREET.

Have just received a large and carefully selected stock of

TEAS, SEASON 1872.

(No old stock.)

Japan, pound, half do. and quart. do. packages.

very fine, extra quality, 1.00

fine, extra quality, 0.90

fine, extra quality, 0.85

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This Office is prepared to execute

ALL KINDS OF PRINTING,

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From a Visiting Card to the largest Poster.

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**SAREPTA HALL.**

ONE NIGHT ONLY, THURSDAY, Jan. 2d.

Return of the favorite

**SKIFF & GAYLORD'S MINSTRELS.**

They will give

ONE ENTERTAINMENT

in this city on the above date, in an

ENTIRE NEW PROGRAMME.

Admission.....35 cents

Reserve Seats.....50 cents

Colored Gallery.....25 cents

Tickets for sale at French's Bookstore.

dec 30-41 **JOE GAYLORD, Agent.**

**NOTICE.**

I have refitted and thoroughly repaired

"OLD CAMERON DISTILLERY,"

and added thereto a large Copper Still, which enables me to produce the PUREST and BEST

COPPER DISTILLED RYE and BARLEY-MALT WHISKIES made in this country.

I have resumed full operations, and am prepared to sell to the trade on favorable terms, either free or in bond.

The special attention of dealers is called to my brand of

"ALLINGTON RYE WHISKY,"

made from No. 1 boiled rye flour. Samples sent free of charge if desired, or can be seen at my store, No. 38 King street, Alexandria, Va., or at P. & H. J. Fagan's, No. 406 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. I am the original inventor of this brand, and as there has been put on the market an imitation thereof, I have been induced to have the said brand copyrighted.

Having an experience of twenty-three years in the manufacture of liquors, and using the best grain, I challenge competition.

I guarantee all liquors sold by me to give satisfaction as represented; if not, they can be returned and the money shall be refunded.

I have now in store and for sale to the trade—

"ALLINGTON RYE WHISKY."

CAMERON

LOVE STAR

MAGNOLIA

MOUNTAIN

All the above brands are of my own distillation. Also in store and for sale—

MOORE'S PURE RYE.

FOUNT'S DO.

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RAMEY SCOTCH WHISKY.

HOLLAND GIN.

JAMAICA RUM.

FORT and SHERRY WINES.

Thankful to my friends for past favors, I respectfully solicit their future patronage. I have leased warehouse No. 38 King street, Alexandria, Va., where I will be glad to see all my friends.

dec 11-2m **PETER FEGAN.**

**LUBIN'S** and other superior FRENCH

EXTRACTS for the handkerchief: French

English and American Toilet Soaps, Cologne,

Bay Rum, Florida Water, and all kinds of Cos-

metics and Toilet Goods, with a full supply of

Family Medicines, just received at

WARFIELD & HALL'S Drug Store,

Cor. Prince and Fairfax streets.

**NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS.**

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

**LADIES' FINE SHOES.**

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**LADIES' HANDSOME BUTTON BOOTS.**

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**LADIES' WALKING BOOTS.**—A splendid

stock, at very low prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**LADIES' PARLOR AND TOILET SLIP-**

PHERS, Ladies' French Kid Broadway, Lad-

ies' Lasting Broadway, Turkey Morocco Broad-

way, French Kid Toilet, Cassimere Toilet, Last-

ing Toilet, Serge and Carpet Slippers, in every

style and quality, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**LADIES' LASTING BOOTS.**—A large stock

with a great variety of new styles, beautiful

and very cheap, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**NEW STYLES LADIES' GAITERS.**

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**MISSES' LASTING BOOTS,** in every style,

quality and price, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**MISSES' WALKING AND SCHOOL**

BOOTS.—A large stock in every style and

quality; prices low, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**MISSES' FINE BUTTON BOOTS.**

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**GENTLEMEN'S FINE DRESS BOOTS**

AND SHOES.—A large stock of new styles,

very handsome, of the best quality, and at low

prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND WALKING**

BOOTS.—A large stock and great variety of

styles, at very reduced prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

**INFANTS' BOOTS AND SLIPPERS.**—A fine